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**Thesaurus****Main Entry:** colloid**Pronunciation:** 'kä-<sup>l</sup>'loid**Function:** noun**Etymology:** International Scientific Vocabulary *coll-* + *-oid***Date:** circa 1852

1 : a gelatinous or mucinous substance found in tissues in disease (as the thyroid) or normally

2 a : a substance that consists of particles dispersed throughout another substance which are too small for resolution with an ordinary light microscope but are incapable of passing through a semipermeable membrane b : a mixture consisting of a colloid together with the medium in which it is dispersed <smoke is a *colloid*>

- **col·loid·al** /kə-'loid-dəl, kä-/ **adjective**

- **col·loid·ly** **adverb**

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**Thesaurus****Main Entry: dis·per·sion**

Pronunciation: di-'sp&r-zh&n, -sh&n

Function: noun

Date: 14th century

1 capitalized : DIASPORA 1a

2 : the act or process of dispersing : the state of being dispersed

3 : the scattering of the values of a frequency distribution from an average

4 : the separation of light into colors by refraction or diffraction with formation of a spectrum; also : the separation of radiation into components in accordance with some varying characteristic (as ener

5 a : a dispersed substance b : a system consisting of a dispersed substance and the medium in which it is dispersed : COLLOID 2b

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